

Appendix P

Citizenship Classes

Seven classes were arranged in Royston Schools, at Studlands Rise, Tannery Drift, Greneway, Icknield Walk, Roman Way, St. Mary's RC and Roysia Schools between 14th February and March 31st 2011. For five of the visits, Members were accompanied by Emma Burgess, the Royston Town Council Markets Manager, and by the CDO to six.

School	Children	Age
Studlands Rise	10	9
Tannery Drift	10	8-10
Greneway	12	
Icknield Walk	30	10-11
Roman Way	7	
St Mary's RC	46	10-11
Roysia	8	8-11
Total children met:	123	

Whilst it might seem that children from Greneway School had fewer wants, there was much more discussion of the issues around those wants, such as cost and the scope of the Council to influence.

The topics discussed by all schools and Councillors were collated and follow as List 1: issues raised just once are not included (a further 23 issues).

Issue raised	Times raised
Play equipment-related in PMG	8
Toy-related	7
Food-related	6
Female-clothing related	5
Pool-related	4
Market-related	4
Cinema	4
Book-related	3
Shop-related	3
Games-console related	2
Arts-related	2
Pet-related	2
Skate-park related	2

List 1.

Several of the issues are not in the remit of the local authorities, such as whether or not there's a toy-shop in Royston: this report will be passed to the Royston Bid Co. which can actively seek to address a gap in the retail offer, e.g. fast-food outlets, female clothing outlets.

Play equipment: issues raised were particularly around play equipment in Priory Memorial Gardens, especially with respect to the age range of equipment provided. There was felt to be a lack of equipment for those aged 9-13, swings in particular being too small (3 comments), though all seemed to recognise the hazard of a wide range of ages mixing in the same area and one request was for a gated area to ensure safety.

Toy-related: These comments related to a desire for more outlets, though there were two requests for a Toys R Us and a Build-a-Bear.

Food-related: Interest here centred on the absence of fast-food outlets, such as McDonalds, Burger King and a Rainforest Café, etc.

Female-clothing: Two requests for Clare's Accessories, other requests simply for more choice.

Pool-related: Two requests for a diving pool, and two simply for an outdoor pool.

Market-related: The Markets Manager had sought views on additional demand, so these are not spontaneous comments: in total there were 10 suggestions, amongst which 3 desired outlets for console-games (Nintendo, etc)
The full list of market issues has been passed to the Market Manager, included here below as an appendix.

Cinema: Four comments, all entirely spontaneous.

Book-related: All used the library, but two specific requests were for book stalls on the market.

Shops: Two non-specific requests for 'more shops', and one for a M&S.

Arts-related: Two requests, one for more dance within the Festival and one for more events and activities for young people within the Festival.

Pet-related: One request for a wild-life area or petting park, and one for a pet-stall on the Market.

Skatepark-related: one wasn't aware of the existing skatepark, and the other wanted a bigger skatepark.

Appendix 1.

List of market stalls wanted:

- Cakes on Market
- Crystal stall in Market
- DVDs/games in Market
- Pet stalls
- Chocolate on market
- Jewellery on Market
- Book stall on market
- Books on market
- Console games on market
- Games consoles stall in market
- Toy animals on market
- Toy stall in Market
- Toys on market

List 2.